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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES & HENRY, 37, Walbrook, E. C. SCHAFFER, DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—ADEME PRINCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSENN & CO., Manilla.

CHINA.—MACAO, Messrs. A. DE MELLO & CO., Sasturao, Queluz & CO., Angra, Wilson, Nichols & CO., Foochow, Heng & CO., Shoochow, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WILSH, Yokohama. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,400,000  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$400,000  
OF DIVIDENDS.....\$400,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-  
Prietors.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSOON.  
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Hongkong.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER.  
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
" 12 " 6 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG  
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one day.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having at \$100 or more at their credit, may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Posts by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business*, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 26, 1884. 315

WILLIAM DOLAN,  
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,  
22, Priva Central.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANTAS,  
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN  
OAKUM, LIFE BOOYS,  
CORK JACKETS,  
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 356

## Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884,  
under the Companies Act 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:  
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.  
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES or INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-  
POSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 ½ per cent.  
" 6 " 4 ½ " "  
" 12 " 5 ½ " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which  
may be learnt on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION PURCHASED.

H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

## Intimations.

SINGAPORE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated on the fifth day of February,  
1885, under the Indian Companies  
Act, 1866, whereby the liability of  
Shareholders is limited to the  
amounts not paid up on  
their shares.

CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000  
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## Intimations.

AMOY DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 20.

QUEMOY SPIT BUOY RE-PLACED.

Temporary Office:

SINGAPORE EXCHANGE BUILD-  
INGS.

Secretary, (Pro Tem.)

ALEXANDER GENTLE, Esq.

THIS Company is formed for the purpose  
of taking Fire Insurance risks in the  
Straits Settlements and elsewhere; with a  
special view to meet local wants and to  
avail itself of local information and ex-  
perience.

Applications for shares may be sent  
accompanied with a deposit of 25 for each  
share applied for, to any of the Branches  
or Agents of the Chartered Mercantile  
Bank of India, London and China, The  
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and  
China, The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-  
ing Corporation, or to The New Oriental  
Bank Corporation, Limited.

Applications from the Straits Settlements,  
Malay States, Netherlands India, India,  
Siam, Siam, Saigon and Borneo must  
be sent to Singapore on or before 15th March  
next; from Japan, China, Philippines,  
Burma and India, on or before 7th April  
next, and from Europe, Australia or else-  
where, on or before 15th May next.

To applicants to whom no allotment of  
shares is made, the deposit will be returned  
in full; and in case of application by any  
applicant for more shares than are allotted  
to him, the extra deposits will be applied  
in payment of the amounts due on the  
allotment of his shares.

Prospectus and Forms of Application  
for shares can be obtained on application  
to any of the above mentioned Banks, to  
the Legal Advisers, or to the Secretary  
(Pro Tem.) of the Company.

Singapore, 5th February, 1885. 338

## DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,

Surgeon Dentist,

(Formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICES AND  
LATERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)

The urgent request of his European

and American patients and friends,

has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occu-  
pied by Dr. ROGERS,

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Perfect adjustment of ANTHROPOID TEETH  
by Atmospheric Suction without pain or  
inconvenience. Discount to missionaries  
and families.

Soles Address

2, DUDDELL STREET,

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 63

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1285

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 321

## For Sale.

### BEDSTEADS!

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## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING

THE Largest Assortment of BEDSTEADS ever seen in the Far East. Over ONE HUNDRED BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS to select from, ranging in price from \$10 to \$100 each.

An Inspection is Invited.

## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, February 10, 1885. 290

## ROBERT LANG & CO., Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Hongkong, January 6, 1885. 33

OUR FIRST DELIVERIES OF  
LADIES' STRAW HATS.

CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS.

LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S and CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOSIERY.

GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

Also,  
BY LAST INDIAN MAIL.

LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S and CHILDREN'S CALCUTTA PITH HATS.

WM. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, March 8, 1885. 371

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of  
SHAREHOLDERS in the above  
Company will be held at the Office of the  
GENERAL AGENTS, No. 7, Queen's Road  
Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th  
Instant, at 10 o'clock, Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Agents, for the year ending 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 18th  
Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 359

## For Sale.

## FOR SALE.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.  
DEVON'S NONPARAEL KEROSINE  
OIL.

PAINTS and OILS, TALLOW and TAR,  
PITCH and ROSIN.

AN INVOICE OF  
PARLOUR AND COOKING  
STOVES.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.  
CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.  
128s. GRAVES, " "  
BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SACCONA'S MANZANILLA & AMON-  
TILLADO.  
SACCONA'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
COUVONNIER'S BRANDY.  
FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.  
KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.  
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.  
BOORD'S OLD TOM.  
E. & J. BOAKE'S IRISH WHISKY.  
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.  
MOLLY PLAT & CO'S VERMOUTHE.  
JAMESON'S WHISKY.  
MARSALA.  
EASTERN CIDER.  
CHARTREUSE.  
MARASCHINO.  
CURACAO.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.  
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.  
ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAFES, CASH and PAPER  
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

SOLE AGENTS for  
MESSRS. TURNBULL, JNR., AND  
SOMERVILLE'S  
MALTESE CIGARETTES.  
MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.  
Hongkong, January 8, 1885. 40

## To Let.

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THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 30,  
CAINE ROAD. Possession from 1st  
January, 1885.

APPLY TO

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
Hongkong, December 23, 1884. 2164

## TO LET.

NO. 3, WEST TERRACE. Entry from  
1st March.  
APPLY TO G. C. ANDERSON,  
4, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, February 19, 1885. 286

## STORAGE.

GOODS taken on STORAGE at the  
GODOWNS, NO. 13, PRAYA CENTRAL,  
at Moderate Rates.

APPLY TO

G. C. ANDERSON,  
4, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 388

## TO LET.

THE LARGE and COMMODIOUS HOUSE  
at Kowloon known as "Belvoir"  
With GARDEN and TENNIS COURTS attached.  
Entry at once.

APPLY TO

G. C. ANDERSON,  
4, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1885. 202

## TO BE LET.

OFFICES or APARTMENTS  
in SUITES,  
in STANLEY STREET, at the back of the  
Victoria Exchange.

APPLY TO

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1885. 381

## TO LET ON LEASE.

TENDEES WANTED for the following  
TENEMENTS—  
Nos. 85 to 102, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.  
" 10 " 22, PRAYA.  
" 11 " 14, TAI-WONG LANE.  
" 1 " 21, TAI-WONG STREET.  
" 2 " 23, SHI STREET."

The Property will be put in thorough  
Repair. Entry from 1st April.  
Tenants to be lodged with the Under-  
signed on or before 20th March.

For further Particulars, apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,  
4, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1885. 291

## TO LET.

COLLEGE CHAMBERS (late Hotel  
de l'UNIVERSITÉ), Single Rooms or  
SUITES of APARTMENTS.  
Nos. 208, PRAYA CENTRAL.  
No. 44, GRANAT STREET.

APPLY TO

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.  
Hongkong, December 24, 1884. 2165

## To Let.

## STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE in  
COMMODIOUS and well-ventilated  
GODOWNS on his New Premises in  
DUDDELL STREET, next to the ORIENTAL  
BANK.

G. R. LAMMERT.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2178

## TO LET.

NEW BUNGALOW—FURNISHED, at  
Mount Keelung Spur. FIVE ROOMS,  
LARGE BASEMENT, OUT HOUSES, TENNIS  
COURT.

Possession from April.

APPLY TO

JOHN D. HUTCHISON,  
24, Stanley Street.  
Hongkong, February 14, 1885. 269

## Intimations.

## VICTORIA HOTEL,

Praya and Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed  
establishment, situated in one of the  
most central and airy positions in the  
Colony and commanding a splendid view  
of almost the entire harbour and within  
five minutes walk of the principal Govern-  
ment Offices (including the Post  
Office), Banks, &c., has recently been  
most enlarged and improved to the new  
style of modern Hotels in this place.  
The Rooms are large, well-ventilated  
and have just been refurnished in a  
most comfortable and handsome manner,  
suited to the requirements of the  
Guest.

The accommodation and service of every  
kind will be found to be of the best  
description.

An ample and varied TABLE d'HÔTE is  
always prepared and served in the spacious,  
large Dining Hall.

The Hotel also contains handsome and  
comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard  
and Smoking Rooms.

The Hotel is unsurpassed for comfort,  
convenience and quick service.  
Continental languages are spoken.

MESSRS. DORLAKE and HING KEE,  
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

THE MITSU, BISHI MAIL S.S. Co.  
having taken over the NAGASAKI  
DOCK, SLIP and ENGINEERING  
WORKS, are now prepared to Dock and  
Repair VESSELS, at moderate terms.

The DOCK is one of the largest and  
best in the East, being 431 feet long and  
99 feet broad, and having a depth of water  
on blocks at spring tides of 27 feet and  
nearly 30 feet.

The SHOPS contain Machine-tools of all  
descriptions and compound Engines up to  
1,000 horse-power. The heaviest-class of  
work can be undertaken at the shortest  
notice.

Powerful lifting SHEARS are being  
erected.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. J. H. TRIPP,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2135

## NOTICE.

D. K. GRIFFITH & Co.  
MANUFACTURERS of the LONDON  
AERATED WATERS,

Have REMOVED from the BEACONSFIELD  
ARCADE to larger Premises

1, DUDDELL STREET,

Where they continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE,  
TONIC " GINGERADE,  
SELTZER " RASPBERRYADE,  
SALSARILLA " &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

D. K. GRIFFITH,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1246

## NOTICE.

THE FORKIN TAILOR SHOP, No. 67,  
Queen's Road Central, under the

Style TUNG LIN, has been established  
for years. It has been much indebted to its  
Customers. Mr. LEUNG SHIU, in the  
year 1883 entered into service of the Shop  
as a Scroff, and on the 15th February, 1885,  
he has RESIGNED his POST to go to some  
other place.

The said TUNG HING Shop are requested to

come personally to the Shop to pay  
what they owe and get their Receipts.

After this information, Debtors to the

TUNG HING Shop are requested to pay  
TUNG HING's account to LEUNG

SHIU, but to TUNG HING, who will come  
personally to Recieve the Payment.

Payments will also be received when sent to

the Shop, where proper Receipts for the  
same can be had.

TUNG HING,  
Tailor, Central District.

Hongkong, February 18, 1885. 280

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

RELIGIOUS MEETINGS will be Held  
in the CITY HALL THEATRE (5 p.m.),

and TEMPERANCE HALL (8 p.m.), on

FRIDAY, the 13th March, when STANLEY P.  
SMITH, Esq. (late Cambridge stroke), G.  
F. STEPHEN, Esq. (late Captain Cambridge  
eleven), and others will deliver addresses.

ALL are INVITED.

Hongkong, March 11, 1885. 427

## NOTICE.

FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamship  
Ningpo,

Capt. W. Potts, will be  
despatched for the above

Port on FRIDAY, the 13th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, March 11, 1885. 424

## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

## NOTICE.

RELIABLE SPORTS will be Held on

SATURDAY, the 21st March instant,

commencing at 2 p.m.

ALL EVENTS except BOYS RACE and  
SOLDIERS RACE will be OPEN to GENTLE-  
MEN AMATEURS being

Members of the Tsimshauzun Club and The  
Club Chinese, Commissariat Naval and  
Military Officers, and being Members of the  
Hongkong Cricket Club and Victoria Re-  
creation Club.

ENTRIES CLOSE on SATURDAY

Next, the 14th Instant.

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and at the HONGKONG CLUB, THE CLUB  
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## THE CHINA MAIL

In the proceedings of the Legislative Council, published in another column, are noted the explanation made and expression of regret given by the French Consul, on behalf of the officers of the French corvette *Duguay Trouin*, for the unseemly disturbance on board a coal-barge lying alongside that vessel. It is satisfactory to observe that instructions have been given to the French naval officers to be more careful in the future, in view of the existing circumstances. We think that the Hon. Wong Shing deserved credit, not only from Chinese residents, but from Hongkong residents of all nationalities, for having brought forward this satisfactory conclusion of the matter—only it would have looked even better had it come voluntarily from the representative of France.

The prohibition to the *Triomphant* to roil at Hongkong—for it is a clear violation of the Foreign Enlistment Act to allow the war ships of a belligerent to rest in neutral waters—will not increase the love with which we are regarded at Paris. The war in Tonkin was costing them \$2,000,000 a year already, when Hongkong was at their service. Now that they have to transfer their base of operations to Saigon, it will cost them much more, even if the closing of Hongkong does not render the effective prosecution of the war practically impossible.—*Pall Mall Budget*.

GENERAL Slobodin, in his recent bombastic manifesto of Russia's aims upon India, expressed himself rather cleverly in the matter of the comparative value to conquerors of Central Asia, Afghanistan, and India. 'In the meantime,' he said, 'we will go on making our clay-pots in Central Asia. After clay will come the period of bronze, and with God's help we shall eventually reach the age of gold.' Central Asia clay, Afghan bronze, Indian gold : such are the stages. But one age has been omitted : the age of cold steel, which will begin coincident with that of bronze, unless England is prepared to let Afghanistan be hammered upon the Russian anvil into a mud shape. It would seem as if the age of cold steel were about to commence.

In the latest *London and China Express* we read:—'Considerable movement has been going on at the Ministry of War, and the rumours that are given effect to in consequence are that General Galilieff is to be sent to Tong-King, where he would inaugurate a vigorous course of action if he could only disarm the hostile cities which exists against him, and which fears that his victory might eventually bring him back to France as something more than a triumphant General. It is believed that the appointment has been made, but is kept secret for the moment. The General thinks that no movement will be effected except at Peking, which he is anxious to reach as soon as possible, and is determined to send the General to Tong-King with fifty thousand men. At present China with 40,000 men, including native there are 200,000 and Formosa, loves in Tong-King.'

A few days ago, one of the police of the 30th January, one of the police magistrates was scandalized by the appearance in the dock of a member of the Waller family. This individual had been guilty of the heinous offence of cruelly beating a donkey, and he was duly punished. On Waller being asked where he resided, he replied 'Camberwell,' and there is little reason to doubt that he is a member of the family immortalized by Charles Dickens. It will be recollected that in 'Picks' Dickens introduces, besides the two Wallers, Ramsey, Wickes, Dodson, Fogg, and Babbitt. All these names are to be seen still on shop fronts or on brass plates in Camberwell-green, Denmark-hill, and neighbourhood; and apparently in the course of one of his rambles in South London Dickens drew largely from the district.

Who shall say that the army is not popular with ladies? There is a private station at the Cape who has convincing proof that the fair still love the brave, or at any rate wish to be married to them. This warrior some little time ago found himself 'in want of a wife' and, not being smitten with the charms of the Afrikander ladies, took the bold course of writing to the King's Board of Guards to request them to find a suitable helpmate for him. The letter was published by the King's Board officials, and no fewer than 102 applicants for the 'situation' have been forthcoming. This is rather a sad story. It is sad because, polygamy being not yet lawful, 101 ladies must necessarily be disappointed. Moreover, the most cynical bachelor must pity the position of this Paris, obliged to award the apple to one among such a galaxy of goddesses. The courage and judgment of the gallant private will evidently be severely tried.

In noting the death of Mr Cameron, the war-correspondent, the *Evening Courier* of the 29th January says:—

The intelligence of the death of Mr. Cameron, which became known in Inverness last night, excited universal regret. Mr. Cameron was an Inverness boy, educated at the Royal Academy, and trained to business in the Caledonian Bank. We do not know his exact age, but he could not have been more than thirty-five. When quite a young man he went out to a house in Bombay, but taking a fancy to newspaper work joined the staff of the *Bombay Gazette*. When he came out to the *Standard*, he was appointed correspondent, and distinguished himself that he was requested to act for the *Standard*, and from that time forward was connected with that journal. The next son of his activity was in South Africa. At Majuba Hill he had a narrow escape from death, and was taken prisoner. Being allowed to go free, however, he telegraphed a graphic account of the memorable engagement to the *Standard*.

To paper one's walls we know is to court death, for the papers may contain arsenic, and to detect its presence requires more knowledge of chemistry than the common man can possibly aspire to. Dutches, too, have long ago been banished from all 'sanitary houses,' for where the dutches are there are the germs of disease gathered together. A hundred other dangers were pointed out in Mrs. Priestley's paper at the Parkes Museum last week. Carpets are a favourite

lurking place of the enemy. Curtains and blinds are an abomination, for they choke the house, by pressing on its windows. But do not suppose on the other hand that you are safe by just opening your windows; for although fresh air is all very well, even the air should be cleaned, if possible. The crowning stroke was reserved for Sir Robert Rawlinson, who tells us—wise advice this, with the thermometer where it is—to avoid storing coal, for they are liable to ferment, and to give off gases injurious to health.

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WOOLWICH ARSENAL is at present threatened with a danger in no way traceable to dynastic agencies. For some time past, many tons of slugs, shells, and other refuse from the Arsenal works have been shot down daily on the south foreshore of the Thames, with the view of creating a large embankment for the arsenal. Sufficient caution can hardly have been exercised; for it now seems that at least an acre of this embankment is smouldering away, like a lime-kiln or a rubble-heap, in a steady process of slow combustion. All attempts to extinguish this igneous mass by pumping continuous tons of water upon it have proved ineffectual, and the latent fire is gradually approaching the Woolwich Powder Magazine. It is, however, still half a mile distant, and, as the engineers were busily digging a deep trench through this novel embankment, it is just possible that with sufficient energy and determination on the part of the War Office and the Board of Ordnance, Woolwich and Greenwich may escape the fate with which at present they are threatened.

The object of the Italian expedition is now tolerably clear, says the *St. James's Budget*. England and Italy—or England, Italy, and Egypt. Reuter's telegrams facetiously put it—are said to have come to an agreement, according to which Italian troops will be allowed to occupy Massawa. Not for so slight a thing as the seizure of Assab was the large Italian armament designed; as might have been supposed from the beginning. The Italians will not have done so badly for themselves by taking a hand in the African game. They will have come into possession of almost the finest harbour on the Red Sea, with free licence to occupy as much of the adjacent district (under Prince Bismarck's new rules, of course) as seems good to them. Meanwhile the Turks are getting ready to take over the Soudan from us. How the Turks, the Italians, the Egyptian garrisons, and Osman Digna (who is said to have more fight in him than ever, and to be more fit for his women) will get on together, may be a subject of some apprehension. But, after all, that is not our concern. There will be at least one quarter of the Soudan from which we may be able to 'retire' with all convenient precipitation.

The following eminently practical prayer has been received from home by a Highland member of the Hongkong Police force:—

Whether as a curiosity or as an example to be followed we do not venture to say:—

Good and gracious Providence, bless all the Macdonalds, and all the Macdonalds' children for a thousand years!—Be graciously pleased to send rivers of whiskey, the very finest of whiskey, and mountains of potatos, and bread, and cheese, and big fat hams, and all the usual luxuries, moreover, in tubs of cold water, so that there may be grace plenty for man's and woman's. Moreover, likewise, send tons of tobacco, and smooches as plenty as pone on the sand shore. And send us pistols numerous to kill all the Grants and M'Phersons, the devils for ever more language. Bless all the bairns, Duncan and Rory, and Flora, and ye, Donald, and glorious yours, for evermore, amen, language.

THE BILLS OF EXCHANGE ORDINANCE, 1883.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Council went into Committee on the above ordinance. During the consideration of the bill in Committee, His Excellency said:—'I have got a very particular engagement; the Chief Justice will kindly take the chair.'

His Excellency then left the Council Chamber, and the Chief Justice took the chair.

When clause 48 had been read the Hon. P. Kyrie moved the adjournment of the Council. At the rate they were proceeding, he said, it would be half-past six before they could finish.

There are 98 clauses in the bill.

The Council was then adjourned until next Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

FURTHER FIGHTING IN FORMOSA.

From news received by the S. S. China, which arrived to-day from Keelung, we learn that some severe fighting took place on the 6th, 7th and 8th, between the French and Chinese forces, between Keelung and Tamsui. Several strong positions of the Chinese were attacked by the French forces, and were eventually carried by assault, the French force losing, however, about 120 men killed and wounded, while the Chinese loss is said to be very much heavier.

At one time the French force, which amounted only to about 1,000 men, were completely surrounded, and they succeeded in breaking the enemy's lines and afterwards carried, at the point of the bayonet, a strongly fortified position. It is said 15,000 Chinese troops were engaged.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wedderburn, Esq.)

Wednesday, March 11.

THE MURDER IN LYNDHURST TERRACE.

Mok Apio, or Apin, and Chang Shing, the two men charged with the murder of Ali Mahomed Roohomally on the 6th Feb., were again brought up on remand.

The only fresh evidence produced was that of V. Rocha, receiving officer of Victoria Gaol, who proved five previous convictions against the first prisoner, viz.—on the 12th Dec. 1881, for breaking without a license, five days' imprisonment; April, 1882, seven days' hard labour for larceny; 9th May, 1882, six months' hard labour for larceny; 2nd Dec. 1883, six months' hard labour for larceny; and on the 2nd Jan. 1884, eighteen months' hard labour for larceny. Of this last sentence only two-thirds of the term had been served, when the prisoner was released.

The only previous conviction proved against the second defendant, Chang Shing, was seven days' hard labour as a rogue and vagabond on the 19th Jan. last.

After being duly cautioned by His Worship, both defendants reserved their defence and were committed for trial at the next sessions of the Supreme Court.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL had to be summoned, and we had to pass an ordinance for the better preservation of peace; a body of soldiers were quartered at the Tung Wa Hospital; and, in consequence of these precautions, the Administrator effectually put down the riot, and restored peace. On reading in the newspapers of the outrage which occurred on the 19th February last, I thought that it might have brought about another riot, which would endanger the security of the lives and property of the law-abiding people here. I therefore have to ask your Excellency whether any apology or explanation has been received from the French authorities for the reported outrage committed on board a coal-barge while the barge was being employed supplying coal on board the French man-of-war *Duguay Trouin*.

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